

# Silver Spring Intermodal Transit Center

## Silver Spring, Maryland

(November 2002)

### Description

The Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) has proposed development of the Silver Spring Intermodal Transit Center (ITC), located in suburban Washington, DC, as an improvement of the Maryland Commuter Rail (MARC) system. The Silver Spring ITC will relocate the Silver Spring MARC Station to the current Silver Spring Metrorail station site. The transit center would allow convenient passenger transfers between several modes of travel, including commuter rail, heavy rail, commuter and local bus service, taxi, bicycle, auto, and walk-access at this major transit hub for lower Montgomery County, Maryland. The ITC will also accommodate the MTA proposed Georgetown Branch Trolley planned to operate between Silver Spring and Bethesda. The Intermodal Transit Center will more efficiently meet existing and future transit needs of this area.

The Silver Spring Intermodal Transit Center is one of four MARC system improvements being undertaken by MTA. The project is estimated to cost \$33.3 million in escalated dollars, with a proposed Section 5309 New Starts share of \$16.0 million. Because the proposed New Starts share is less than \$25 million, the project is exempt from the New Starts criteria, and is not subject to FTA's evaluation and rating (49 USC 5309(e)(8)(A)).

| Summary Description                           |                           |
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| <b>Proposed Project:</b>                      | Commuter Rail Improvement |
| <b>Total Capital Cost (\$YOE):</b>            | \$ 33.3 Million           |
| <b>Section 5309 New Starts Share (\$YOE):</b> | \$ 16.0 Million (48%)     |
| <b>Annual Operating Cost:</b>                 | N/A                       |

### Status

The Silver Spring ITC is currently in Preliminary Engineering. Although an Environmental Assessment of the project was completed, FTA has determined that an Environmental Impact Statement is warranted, which is in progress.

TEA-21 Section 3030(a)(41) authorizes the "MARC – Commuter Rail Improvements" for Final Design and Construction. Through FY 2002, Congress has appropriated \$12.6 million in Section 5309 New Starts funds for this effort.

| <b>Locally Proposed Financial Plan</b>     |   |                                |
|--|---|--------------------------------|
| <b><u>Proposed Source of Funds</u></b>     | <b><u>Total Funding<br/>(\$million)</u></b> | <b><u>Percent of Total</u></b> |
| <b>Federal:</b><br>Section 5309 New Starts | \$16.0                                      | 48.0 %                         |
| <b>State:</b><br>Transportation Trust Fund | \$17.3                                      | 52.0 %                         |
| <b>Total:</b>                              | <b>\$ 33.3</b>                              | 100.0 %                        |

**NOTE:** Funding proposal reflects assumptions made by project sponsors, and are not DOT or FTA assumptions.  
Total may not add due to rounding.

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